

Vermont Pollinator Protection Committee
Statehouse-room 11 Montpelier, VT
December 7, 2016 9:30 – 12:30
Agenda

1. Approve meeting minutes from November 9 meeting (Boccuzzo)
2. Decide next meeting date
3. Discussion of eight charges from legislative charge (*not in order of legislation*)
 - a. Evaluate the effectiveness of pesticide applicator licensing and other pesticide requirements in the State in protecting pollinator health. (discuss & vote)
 - b. Evaluate other state or international pesticide regulations that are more protective of pollinator health than the pesticide regulations of Vermont or the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (discuss & vote)
 - c. Evaluate best management practices for application of neonicotinoid insecticides (NNIs) in a manner that avoids harm to pollinators. (discuss & vote)
 - d. Evaluate the status in Vermont of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's five pillars of pollinator health. The five pillars of pollinator health are: pollinator biology; nutrition and habitat; pathogens and pests; pesticide use; and genetics and breeding.
 - i. *Toby Alexander, NRCS-pollinator habitat in Vermont*
 - ii. *Mike Kiernan-Bee the Change-habitat and solar siting projects*
 - iii. *Jarod Wilcox-Green Mountain Power (submittal)*
 - e. Identify possible sources of funds for use in the protection of pollinator health.
 - f. Study available education and outreach plans from other states that have been successful in increasing public awareness of pollinator health issues.
 - g. Consider the requirements in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 64 (State Clean Water Act) regarding buffers along State waters and whether and how areas in buffers or other areas that require perennial vegetation should be encouraged for use as pollinator forage zones or pollinator growing areas.
 - h. Develop a State pollinator protection plan using the framework and critical elements from the Association of American Pesticide Control Officials Pollinator Protection Plan guidance.
4. Public comment period
5. Adjourn